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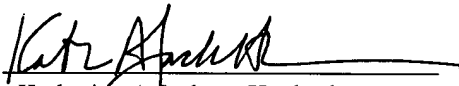
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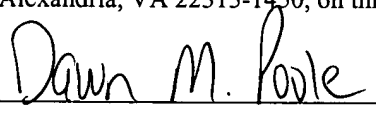
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This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 28, 2004.

In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner required that Applicants elect one of the following inventions:

Group I, Claims 1, 2, and 12-20, drawn to a process to inhibit or reduce the growth of bacteria and other pathogens in a liquid, classified in class 426, subclass 474; or

Group II, Claim 21, drawn to a liquid product with inhibited or reduced growth of bacteria or other pathogens, classified in class 426, subclass 580.

Applicants provisionally elect the claims of Group I (claims 1, 2 and 12-20) with traverse. The Restriction Requirement is traversed on the basis that Restriction Requirements are optional in all cases. M.P.E.P. § 803. If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it arguably may include claims to distinct or independent inventions. M.P.E.P. § 803. It is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the claims can be made without serious burden on the Office. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

Applicants understand that the subject matter of the non-elected claims reading thereon may be pursued in a divisional patent application that shall enjoy all rights and benefits of 35 U.S.C. § 121.

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Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' attorney at (612) 371-2106 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,

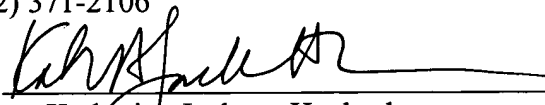
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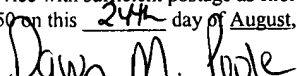
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